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Profile of Drug Indicators

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Ashland, Kentucky

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, funding, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics

- Population (2000 Census): 21,981¹
- Race/ethnicity (2000 Census): 95.8% white; 2.3% black/African American; 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.4% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.2% other race; 1.1% two or more races; 0.6% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²
- Ashland is located in Boyd County.³

Politics

- Mayor: Stephen Gilmore⁴
- Commissioners: Donald Maxwell, Larry Branham, Larry Brown, Kevin Gunderson⁵
- Acting Chief of Police: Robert Ratliff⁶

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- There were 2 murders reported by law enforcement in Ashland during 2005.⁷

Number of Index Offenses Reported by Police, Ashland, 2005

| Offense | 2005 |
|--------------------|-------|
| Murder | 2 |
| Rape | 11 |
| Robbery | 20 |
| Aggravated assault | 55 |
| Burglary | 202 |
| Larceny-theft | 840 |
| Auto theft | 61 |
| Arson | 5 |
| Total | 1,196 |

- In 2004, the Ashland Police Department reported 138 incidents, 187 adult charges, and 6 juvenile charges for drug violations.⁸
- During 2005, there were 466 arrests for drug abuse violations in Boyd County.⁹

Number of Drug Arrests, Boyd County, 2005

| Drug Type | # of Arrests |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Opium/cocaine and derivatives | 75 |
| Marijuana | 149 |
| Synthetic narcotics | 20 |
| Other dangerous non-narcotic drugs | 222 |
| Total drug arrests | 466 |

- There were 0 juvenile and 3 adult arrests for murder in Boyd County during 2005.¹⁰

Number of Arrests, Select Offenses, Boyd County, 2005

| Type of Offense | Juvenile | Adult | Unknown Age |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------|-------------|
| Murder | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Forcible rape | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Robbery | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| Aggravated assault | 1 | 57 | 0 |
| Burglary | 17 | 91 | 1 |
| Larceny-theft | 43 | 200 | 2 |
| Motor vehicle theft | 0 | 17 | 1 |
| Arson | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Driving under the influence | 2 | 352 | 2 |
| Liquor laws | 0 | 22 | 0 |

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2004, there were 56 full-time law enforcement employees in Ashland (48 officers and 8 civilians).¹¹

Courts

- Drug Courts¹²
As of April 14, 2006, there were no drug courts in existence or being planned in Ashland.

Corrections

- Of the 8,842 Kentucky Department of Corrections admissions during 2004, 169 involved individuals from Boyd County.¹³

Consequences of Use

- There were 21 collisions in Boyd County during 2004 in which the drivers were under the influence of drugs. One of these collisions resulted in a fatality.¹⁴

Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Consequences, Boyd County, 2004

| Consequence | # of Incidents |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Total collisions | 21 |
| Fatal collisions | 1 |
| Injury collisions | 12 |
| Number of persons killed | 1 |
| Number of persons injured | 24 |

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